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THAT the Public should be no longer duped by the many Impositions daily devised to render the *Memories* of the most abandoned Men, that ever disgraced Society, respectable; the following Facts are submitted to their consideration, unadorned with the Flash of Rhetorick or the Subtlety of logical Arrangement:—The Author, finds himself obliged *thus* to preface his Pamphlet, conscious, how much the *Light of Truth* has already been

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obscured, by Men who have held the
 Mirror, *not* up to honest Nature, but de-
 lusive Falshood, whose Productions are *only*
 to be dreaded, because they have assumed a
 Guise of all others the most *becoming*, that
 of amiable Compassion and soft-eyed Hu-
 manity; but can Men, whose very *Cause* is
 Humanity, nay, whose *Heads* are supposed
 to be replete with Tenderness, have *Hearts*
 totally destitute of its Influence? Or, can
 Advocates for Pity, become the *Authors* of
 Cruelty?—To detect *such Impostors* is the
 Authors Intention, to guard the generality
 of Mankind from *future Deception* his
 Wish. It need not be insisted upon that
 Characters the most *flagitious* have had
 their Advocates, a *Cataline* and a *Cromwell*,
 the Stain of their own Age, and the Detes-
 tation of Futurity, have found a *Sallust* and
 a *Waller*, who, by the Elocution of their
 Pages, and Harmony of their Numbers
 have glossed over their Crimes, and
 given a Merit even to Infamy: With
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this View has the Public been thus long amused; a Genealogy, the *precious* Relic of Antiquity, has been laid before them, *as if a Genealogy*, deduced thro' a long Line of venerable Ancestors, could atone for, or become a Peace-offering for Acts of the most flagrant Injustice; on the contrary, like the Reverence of the Antient Romans for their sculptured Statues, instead of priding themselves on the Splendor of the Original, they should blush rather for the Debasement of the Copy.——Indeed the Writings of those Gentlemen remind me of the antient Trial by Ordeal; they prove rather the Dexterity of their Genius in *evading*, than the Innocence of their Conscience in supporting their Cause:—Nay, such has been the Enthusiasm of the Partizans of the Messrs. *Perreaus*, that not satisfied to confine their Ingenuity within the *narrow Bounds* of Exculpation, they boldly enter into the Lists of Arraignment.——Their Prowess *surely* must be invincible,

directed against a—Woman;—but whence the Necessity of Arraignment? Why, the Gentlemen foreseeing the Impossibility of standing on the *Defensive merely*, like experienced Fencers, endeavoured to preserve their own Ground, and throw their *formidable* Adversary off her Guard by becoming *Aggressors*; hence *Malignity* becomes the desperate Substitute for Proof, and *Affertion* for *Argument*;—but let Public Candor decide whether that Cause is not intrinsically feeble, nay, tacitly renounced, even by its most strenuous Adherents, that cannot stand upon its own *Basis*.—So far for a Digression, which we presume will not be deemed inapplicable.

To establish the Innocence of *both* Brothers was by their Friends esteemed a Fiction *too* hazardous *even* for *romance*; hence in every Application to the Crown for Mercy *Daniel* was *willingly* offered up as a propitiatory

tiatory Sacrifice for *Robert*: Abandoned thus both by the *Voice* of public Justice and of private Friendship, he had yet one Advocate.—Mrs. *Rudd*, tho' hardly awakened from the gloomy Horrors of a close Confinement, (every Moment of which was embittered by the cruel Reflection of its Author) tho' repeatedly and most wantonly calumniated with a Compassion equally noble and disinterested, paid, without murmuring, the following Tribute to Justice and Humanity, in Behalf of the unfeeling Father of three inoffending Infants.

COPY OF MRS. RUDD'S LETTER TO
LORD WEYMOUTH.

January 15th, 1776.

My Lord,

It is not from a Principle of Tenderneſs for a Man, whoſe Conduct to me has obliterated every Sentiment of that Nature in my Breſt, that I now take the Liberty of addreſſing your Lordſhip; the more un-
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biased Motive, a Regard for Impartiality, influences me to state a few Facts for your Lordship's Consideration, the Importance of which, I flatter myself, will be evident the Moment they are known.—The Endeavours made to save Mr. *Robert Perreau*, your Lordship well knows, are very numerous. I do not wish to prevent their obtaining *that* Success, which, if we may credit public Report, they are likely to be attended with ; but my Lord, the Advocates of this unhappy Man take such unjustifiable Methods to gain their Point, as ought for the Sake of Common Justice, to be exposed.

In order to make him the Object of *Royal Mercy*, they take Advantage of the Concealment in which his secret Transactions are hidden from the Public Eye ; and represent him as “ always having been in affluent Circumstances ; ” as a “ Man who was no Stock-Jobber ; ” whose Fraternal Affection, induced him to negotiate the Bonds,
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from which they pretend, “ he had no *Emolument* ;” “ who believed his Brother and I were actually married ;” and that *this Belief* “ inspired him with a Confidence, which otherwise he would not have possessed.—It is my Intention, my Lord, to confine myself to Facts which have taken Place since my unfortunate Connection with the *Perreau* Family ; otherwise I could trace *Robert Perreau’s* Alley Transactions, and recite several Instances of his Indigence for many Years previous thereto.

From the Beginning of the Year 1771, ’till the Close of the Year 1773, *Daniel* conducted their mutual Transactions in his own Name, paid with the Fortune I brought him all the losses they incurred during that Period, but divided the Profits with his Brother.—In the Course of this Time, they had, among others, a Capital Loss, with Messrs. *Byde* and *Archers*, Bankers, for which

which they gave their joint Bond for the Payment of Fifteen Hundred Pounds, *Daniel's* Credit not being of itself sufficient.

At the Conclusion of the Year 1773, (my Fortune being then almost exhausted) they seperated their Interests and carried on their Alley Business independently of each other. —*Robert*, employed *Mr. Thomas Trower*, Broker, with whom he lost several Hundreds that Winter, when he likewise lost Eight Hundred Pounds with *Mr. Richard Brown*, of *Golden-Square*, whose Broker was *Mr. Cassilet*. — After this, *Robert* employed, as his Broker, *Mr. Samuel Schola*, with whom he had repeated and considerable Losses; the last of which was about Three Weeks prior to the Discovery of the Forgeries, and nearly to the Amount of Two Thousand Pounds. I beg Leave, my Lord, further to observe, that all the Gentlemen I have mentioned where subpoena'd
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to attend at my Trial, but with many other Witnesses were not called, the Court intimating that there was no Occasion for farther Evidence, and my Counsel thinking it most honourable for me to be acquitted upon the Case of the Prosecution—to which I cheerfully consented, *as I wished not to expose the Perreaus more than was absolutely requisite for my own Vindication.*

I am next to remark to your Lordship, that, upon the *strictest Examination*, it has not appeared that any of the Money raised by the Forgeries, (except the 4000l. which paid for the House in *Harley-Street*) was applied to *Daniel's* Use ; and that *Robert* actually benefited by the Forgeries, the following Fact will of *itself* sufficiently prove : The Fifteen “ *Ayr Bank Bonds*,” which *Daniel* borrowed from Doctor *Brooke*, were the Day after carried back to the Doctor for Indorsement by *Robert Perreau*,

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who then got Mr. *Aylett*, Attorney, to convert them into Cash at Messrs. *Drummond's* Bank, which Cash, *Robert* immediately paid to Mr. *George Vaughan*, Laceman, in the *Strand*, in Discharge of a Debt of his OWN.—These three Gentlemen were also subpoena'd to my Trial, but not called for the Reasons before assigned.

In Regard to *Robert's* pretended Belief of his Brother's Marriage with me, the latter has in his Defence, which he published after his Trial, * declared, That *Robert* was acquainted with “ the insuperable Bar to a legal Union.”—What induced *Daniel* to *contradict* this Assertion made in so solemn and public a Manner I cannot pretend to say ; unless it proceeds from that unaccountable

* This Declaration occasioned that *Coolness* which subsisted between them for some Time in Prison, and gave rise to the Report, that they came to Blows.

countable Influence which *Robert* has continually exercised over him ever since I knew them; Doctor *Brooke* very well knows, that in the Winter of the Year 1774, when I was in the most intimate and friendly Footing with *Robert and his Wife*, that he frequently conversed *with them*, upon the Subject of our not being married.

In full Confidence that your Lordship will allow the Facts, I have presumed to State, their *due Weight*, and make such use of them, as you, in your superior Wisdom and Goodness, shall see proper. I remain, with the highest Respect,

My Lord,

Your Lordship's most obedient,

And most humble Servant,

M. C. R.

From these positive Facts, and from the consequent Enquiry, made by the noble

Lord addressed, 'tis apparent what Degree of Credit should be given to the following Declaration of this *innocent Man*, delivered in his latest Moments, viz. "But this I solemnly protest was done from no Motive of defrauding whatever; *nor did I ever detain any of the Monies arising from the Discounts of these Securities for my Use.*"—But further—Mr. *Robert Perreau* having received Intimation of the Letter sent to Lord *Weymouth*, found it instantly expedient to shift the *original* Scenery of his Plan, to give Confidence to the Catastrophe. Accordingly in the Rev. Mr. *Villette's* Account of the Brothers, (Page 15) we find, that on the *Tuesday* before Execution, *Robert*, with his *wonted* Solemnity, (in direct Contradiction to his elaborate Defence) confessed "he *had been* in the Alley, but *not* with the Money obtained on the Forgeries."—Now Independent of the Circumstance mentioned in the Letter relative to
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the fifteen *Ayr* Bonds, from Doctor *Brooke*, the following Anecdote will convince the World that this solemn Declaration, (to speak *tenderly* of it) was at best but *another* Fiction for the *Urgency* of the Moment.—Prior to the Discovery made by Messrs. *Drummonds*, *Robert Perreau* obtained from the Rev. Doctor *Crane*, of *Westminster*, near 3000*l.* upon a Bond signed *William Adair*. He told the Doctor, “That Mr. *Adair*, his *most intimate and best Friend*, advised him to do Business in the Stocks, having then a most favourable Opportunity : that he (Mr. *Adair*) was not immediately in Cash or would have accommodated Mr. *Perreau* with the Money, but he was welcome to his Name and Credit to borrow the Sum from any Person who could furnish him—that the Doctor being his *great and good Friend* he applied to him for the Purpose”—to which that worthy Man consented, went into the
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City,—sold out Stock merely to oblige *Robert Perreau*, who immediately deposited near One Thousand Pounds of the Cash so borrowed with *Mr. St. Leu*, Broker, which Deposit was actually in *Mr. St. Leu's* Hands when the Forgeries were detected by *Mr Drummond*;—but *Robert Perreau*, prior to his Commitment, contrived to draw the Money from *Mr. St. Leu*, — a Booty, (it is well known to many) particularly to *Mr Henry Dagge*, he carried into Confinement with him.—It is remarkable that the very Bank Notes consigned by *Doctor Crane* to *Mr. Robert Perreau*, were deposited with *Mr. St. Leu*, by which Circumstance the Fact was investigated, — that it was actually the Money borrowed from *Doctor Crane* that *Robert Perreau* used for this jobbing Transaction.”

To trace the Profligacy of *Daniel Perreau's* Character would be to pursue a Path, terrifying

fyng in the Commencement, dreary in the Prosecution, and like the Example before us, destructive in the *End*.—Indeed the Justice of his Sentence has been so fully allowed, that *even Inspiration* could not suggest an Idea to exculpate him—we will therefore only confine ourselves to a bare Statement of that *solemn Declaration*—artfully laid before the Privy Council and pompously thus pre-faced for the Public.

“ That the World may be fully apprized of the *Truth*, relating to the Case of the unfortunate Brothers, a Copy from the following Paper has been published ; the Original is now with the Secretary of State, and was laid before the Counsel when the Report was made to his Majesty.”

(C O P Y.)

In Hopes that the World may be no longer misinformed concerning the Innocence
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of my unhappy Brother, who is at this Time with myself under the dreadful Sentence of Death, for having negotiated several Bonds given to him by Mrs. *Margaret Caroline Rudd*, I solemnly declare, that he with myself was no more than the *innocent Instrument* in the Hands of Mrs. *Rudd* to perpetrate this wicked Transaction.—For as I always unhappily entertained the highest Opinion of Mrs. *Rudd's* Honesty and Integrity, I placed the most implicit Faith in her, and thereby subjected myself to every Artifice which she could devise ; by which Means I involved my unhappy and unfortunate Brother and his Family in their present Misery and Ruin : I therefore think it my duty, before I know the Issue of my Fate, to exculpate him from any *Imputation whatever*, by declaring “ that he never did detain any Part of the Money raised on Mr. *Adair's* Security, or was in any Respect whatever privy to any Deceptions or Knowledge of the

the Forgeries ; and that my unhappy Infatuation, and the Confidence which he had in my *supposed* Marriage with Mrs. Rudd, has been the *sole Cause* of his present dreadful Affliction, *he having all along understood her to be my Wife.* — DAN. PERREAU.

Dated 4th Jan. 1776.

Villeite, Ordinary of Newgate.

Thus candidly have we endeavoured to demonstrate to the much deluded Public, the *consummate Profligacy* of these tutored Villains, who *dared*, in the very Hour of Death, to make a Mockery of Religion ; and like *Otway's Piere*, expired, laughing at the Heinousness of their Impositions.——

Surely it cannot then be deemed too bold to assert, that after this Detection, every other Part of their Declaration should be viewed with an equal Eye of Jealousy. Let us then investigate the Trial of Mr. *Robert Perreau*, and collect from thence, the *innocent Lye*, for which he suffered.—

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First, from the Evidence of Mr. *Drummond* it appears—that Mr. *Robert Perreau*, upon his first Application to Mr. *Drummond*, solicited the Loan of One Thousand Four Hundred Pounds, — a Sum in immediate Request; *to perfect a Purchase which he, Robert, had lately made in Suffolk.*—Upon Mr. *Drummond's* remarking, “ that the Title Deeds would be the *best Security,*” *Robert* replied, “ *that could not be, because the Purchase Money was to be paid in the Country.*”—Now here 'tis necessary to remark this Circumstance of the Purchase *unfortunately* turns out to be another *innocent Lye*, for there was no such Purchase ever even on the Tapis.

But to proceed—Mr. *Perreau* then said “ *he had got a Bond of a Gentleman, whose Name he was not at Liberty to mention at that Time; that if Mr. Drummond, knew*
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the Person, he was confident there could be no Objection offered."—This Conversation was on the fifteenth or sixteenth of *January*, at which Period he received from Messrs. *Drummonds* One Thousand Four Hundred Pounds, upon his Note (promising to assign the Deeds of Mr. *Daniel Perreau's* House in *Harley-street* as a collateral Security for the Money being paid in ten Days.) However Mr. *Perreau* did not appear to Mr. *Drummond* 'till *Tuesday* the 7th of *March* following, who then apologized for his Non-payment agreeable to Promise, but produced a Bond for Five Thousand Pounds, signed *William Adair*, whose Name " he had now obtained Liberty from the Gentleman (meaning Mr. *Adair*) to mention;" and accordingly produced the *antidated, forged Bond* for which he suffered. — It may not be here impertinent to observe, that in the above recited Conversation (on the fifteenth of *January*) he said, " he had got such a Bond." His Fears therefore,

to awaken the Suspicion of the Messrs. *Drummond's*, and subject himself to the immediate Detection of one of his *innocent Lies*, induced him, *characteristically* to make Mr *Richard Wilson* antidate the Bond; which Bond in *January* only existed in the *Imagination* of Mr. *Robert Perreau*. — Upon its being suggested to Mr. *Perreau*, by the Messrs. *Drummonds*, that the Signature was not Mr. *Adair's* Hand; and interrogated whether “ ’twas Mr. *William Adair*, the late Agent, that lived in *Pall-Mall*—Mr. *Perreau's* *Credulity* led him *immediately* to say, “ Yes, it was, and that there could be no Doubt about it;” for, “ that *Arthur Jones* who was the Solicitor of Mr. *Adair*, was a Witness, and *Start* was his Servant.” — We shall not here observe on the *other innocent Lye*,” of his seeing Mr. *Adair*, going out a riding :—Sufficient has already been said upon that Circumstance, and the Compiler of

of this Pamphlet could *only* offer what must strike every Man on the Occasion.—Messrs. *Drummonds*, still expressing their Doubts relative to the Authenticity of the Bond in Question Mr. *Perreau's* further Credulity urged him to say —“ Mr. *Adair* was his intimate Friend; — had Money deposited in his Hands,—and allowed him Interest for it: — Mr. *Drummond* further deposed, that “ he understood Mr. *Robert Perreau* at that Time declared, the Bond in Question was given him by Mr. *Adair*, as the *Balance* of Account subsisting between Mr. *Adair* and him.”—On Mr. *Drummond's* cross Examination relative to Mr. *Perreau's* Conversation it was asked, whether Mr. *Perreau* asserted “ it was his own Money, Mr. *Adair* had in his Hands ?”—Mr. *Drummond* deposed — “ I am *positive* the Prisoner said, It was *his* Money that was in Mr. *Adair's* Hands, and *not his Families.*” Mr. *Robert Drummond* corroborated the Evidence of his Brother.

Brother. — One Circumstance of Evidence yet remains necessary to be recognized. — Mr. *Wilson* deposed “the anxious Concern of Mr. *Robert Perreau*, that the Instructions he gave upon the Bond in Question should be burned” — The Words, that Mr. *Robert Perreau*, was so solicitous to consign to the Flames are no less than the following — wrote by Mr. *Robert Perreau* — “*William Adair, Pall - Mall, to Robert Perreau, Golden-Square.*” — Such was the Substance of the Evidence that convicted *Robert Perreau* — and such were the innocent Lies that conducted him through every Stage of gradual Hypocrisy to the final Goal of unpitied Ignominy.

We trust it would be nugatory to point to our Readers the Fulness of this Evidence ; with a single Glance they must perceive that it was not *merely circumstantial* (as represented) but *positive Evidence* ; and on such Evidence has the Verdict of an *English* Jury been most audaciously im-

impeached, a Jury which has always proved itself not only the grand Bulwark of the Lives, Liberties, and Estates of the Community, but the happiest Preservative of the Constitution itself. — *Such a Jury* has been stigmatized with the Accusation of *Murder* for exercising *that* Duty which the Laws of their Country enacted, and which the Existence of a commercial Nation absolutely required.

The following Anecdote will convince the World, both of the *rigid Integrity* of the Man, and the *daring Fertility* of his Imagination,

“ About three Years ago he waited upon Mr. *Joseph Jacques*, of *Petty-France, Westminster*,—told him, “ that he could gain for *Three Hundred Pounds*—from *Monfieur Defcarano*, the *Spanish* Secretary, a most important political *Sècret*, from which they might both derive a *confiderable Advantage* in

in the Alley, if Mr. *Jacques* would advance that Sum as a Compliment to *Monfieur Defcarano*, for divulging the Secret: with this request Mr. *Jacques* complied, and Mr. *Perreau*, actually received the Cash.— When Mrs. *Jacques* heard this Story, she warmly remonstrated with her Husband upon his Credulity, and argued the impossibility, “ that a Man of *Monfieur Defcarano*’s Rank and Character could descend to such a dishonourable Action ; — insisted that the Three Hundred Pounds should be re-demanded from *Robert Perreau*, with a Threat of exposing him, if he refused.” — Mrs. *Jacques* undertook the Task herself, and accordingly recovered the Money ; but not till she wrote to *Robert Perreau*, assuring him, “ that unless the Contents were instantly complied with, Mr. *Jacques* would prosecute him for a Fraud.”

Methinks even the *Delicacy* of K—— becomes no longer false, and the Features of
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the *ingenuous Chrysal*, have been taught to relax at *this* Recital.

From the Recapitulation of the *several Anecdotes*, that of Doctor Crane in particular, we have fully proved that *Robert* not only detained, but actually appropriated to *his own Use*, the Money raised on Mr. *Adair's* Security — from the Evidence of Doctor *Brooke*, we must necessarily infer, *Robert's Consciousness* of that inseperable Bar to *Daniel's legal Union* with Mrs. *Rudd*. — We will however adduce a few Circumstances that may not be found *unworthy* Observation, we offer them, not with a View more fully to establish the guilt of the Brothers, — a Point sufficiently evinced, but find it necessary to acquit Mrs. *Rudd* of several Aspersions her Enemies have been judicious enough to throw out against her, before we come to the main Question. To attribute *Daniel Perreau's* expensive style of Life, &c.

to Mrs. *Rudd*, will, from the following Consideration *appear* equally repugnant to both Truth and Justice : “ ’Tis a well known Fact, that for the Space of four Years, during which *Daniel* and Mrs. *Rudd* resided in *Pall-Mall Court*, they lived with the *utmost Frugality* ; at the Expiration of *that* Time, it appears the Forgeries first commenced, and all the *consequent* Train of mad Expence and extravagant Folly.

When Mrs. *Rudd* suggested her surprize at so quick a Transfition, it was answered, an “ Appearance of Fortune was *now* the only Thing necessary to accomplish *that* which they had been so many Years in Pursuit of ; for by such *Mode* of Life, they must *ultimately* attain Success in their Speculations.” — Let the *Female* that enforced this Doctrine blush at the Perusal — she has *now* our *pitiabale Contempt* — but ’tis proved by the Creditors of *Daniel Perreau*, that all
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the Purchases, (the House in *Harley-Street* excepted) Furniture, &c. &c. from the Commencement to the Discovery of the Forgeries are yet *unpaid*, — by which it clearly appears, he derived but at best an *imaginary* Benefit from them ; — nay, his Misfortunes in the Alley from that period to the present Hour are yet unsatisfied — of *this* the numerous Sons of *Israel* can bear an ample Testimony. — In vain have the Laws of the Land inculcated the Lesson of Tenderness and Liberality, by esteeming every Individual innocent who is *unconvicted* of Guilt — unconscious of so generous a Maxim the Advocates of the *Perreaus* have trampled on all Laws, both human and divine, every Engine of Malice is played off, every Nerve of Envy strained, for the glorious Purpose of magnifying *Errors* into *Misdemeanors*, and *Misfortunes* into *Crimes*. — Our Intention is, from positive Facts to deduce fair *Inferences*, and the *Medium* of Error being dispelled, our impar-

tial Readers may judge of the naked Merits of the Cause. — But, has not every Argument that Cunning could devise, or ingenious Villainy interweave *been exhausted*? Conscious that *Nature* and *common Sense*, have denied their *Protection*, they recur to the Finesses of polished Artifice, and the obsolete Doctrine of *Inchantment*. — Our Readers perhaps may not be inclined to pay that Reverence to this Creed, that its Advocates would desire. — 'Tis however their strongest *fort*, and we *must* indulge them by assailing it — “She is a Sorceress.” — The only Ground for this curious Assertion is founded, (independant of the dying Declaration of these *innocent Men*) on the Evidence of Colonel *Kendal*, and a Mr. *Moody*.

And first to begin with a Colonel, who played a principal Character through the Whole of this *Drama*, — before we examine

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his Evidence 'tis necessary to enquire the Principles and Integrity of the Man, for on these grand Points depend the Credibility of his Testimony. — It would be improper to protract our Pamphlet with tracing him thro' a Line of *illustrious Ancestors* — suffice it to say, he has now the Command of an *Irish* Brigade, and has from his earliest Infancy been nurtured in the *Bosom of the Alley*. — To form an Idea of the Colonel's Education, we must therefore apply to *that* Mode — and as every Thing we advance is from Authority, we will here give the Opinion of a learned modern Writer on the Subject of *Stock-jobbing*: — “ It will be necessary to premise, (says this ingenious Writer) that the iniquitous Art of *Stock-jobbing* has sprung, like a great many other other Abuses, out of the best of Blessings, Liberty, the benign Influence of which the *English* Nation, to its immortal Honor be it recorded, is ever studious to extend to

Foreigners,

Foreigners, as well as to its Natives. From
 the free Liberty granted to all Foreigners to
 buy into, and sell out of, our public Funds,
 the diabolical Art of Stock-jobbing took its
 Rise, and it is now arrived at its *Meridian*
Of Iniquity. — Of this Corps were
 the C——l and Messrs. *Perreaus* — a
 Turn of Disposition *perfectly coincident*, con-
 nected their Interests, and inseparably ce-
 mented their Affections; the Messrs. *Per-*
reaus were to be tried for a *capital* Crime;
 and their favourite Comrade, stepped forth
 as the Grand Champion of their Cause —
 deposing — “ Frequent Conversations, that
 passed between *him* and Mrs. *Rudd*, — but
 no *third* Person was ever present; — proving
 himself from such Testimony, at least equal
 to *that* Character he so long (nor *unsuccess-*
fully) laboured to attain. — Before the Co-
 lonel is dismissed, we will satisfy the Impati-
 ence of our indulgent Readers, by laying
 before them several Anecdotes which may
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account for the Part taken in the Infancy of this Affair, by a certain great *City Patriot*—especially as *the Circumstance at present* cannot possibly *injure* his *Election*. — Without entering into the *Minutiæ* of a *long Courtship* on the Part of this Military Hero, 'tis sufficient to observe, he made Proposals for Miss *W——s*, (we need not tell our Readers, that the Lover sued in *Vain*) — a Colonel in the *Irish Brigades* ; and a *Stock-Jobber* not being thought the most *eligible* Match for a Lady, whose Name we mention with the utmost Deference, fully sensible of her Merit and Accomplishments. An Acquaintance however subsisted between Mr. *W——s* and the Colonel ; — an *Acquaintance* which the Colonel's Address, *facilitated* by Mr. *John Churchill*, Apothecary, could not long fail of *ripening* into *Friendship*. This appears from the Interest Mr. *W——s* exerted to serve the *Perreaus*, and assist Sir *Thomas Frankland's* Prosecution of Mrs. *Rudd*.

Rudd. — The first public Instance of *that Gentleman's* Partiality for the *Perreaus*, disclosed itself in his *judicial* Capacity, when he *assumed* to himself a *Power* unknown within *these* Walls of continuing *them* in their first Prison, after all the *other* Prisoners for Trial had been removed to *Newgate*; — a Circumstance that exempted *them* from the List of Prisoners to be tried at the ensuing Goal Delivery. — This justly occasioned some severe Strictures on the M-----; — and he *felt* it *prudent* to order them up, to *Newgate* before the expiration of the next Sessions. — On the Trial of *Robert*, it was suggested by Mr. W----, “ that Mrs. *Rudd*, from her Connection and Situation, was not a very competent Witness; “ but the most specious Argument used, was the following, and certainly *worthy the Genius of its Author*: — “ ’Tis probable this Woman will prevaricate, from what she has deposed before the Magistrates and the Grand Jury, and thereby *materially*
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serve the Cause she but *endeavours* to *under-*
mine :” An Argument urged with Art, and
favoured with Success. — Mr. *W*—— then
addressed Judge *Aston*, nearly in these
Words—“ My Lord, here is one Man, con-
victed for these Forgeries, and another
most probably will ; it is a *shocking* Thing,
that the *Woman*, Mrs. *Rudd*, should escape
unpunished, who appears to me to be the
Principal ; the Court has not made Use of
her Evidence, therefore my Lord, I should
think, she may be taken into Custody, in-
dicted, and tried, as a *Principal*, in the
Forgeries.”—A Respect for the sacred Dig-
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* * * * * — *Whisper*. — After
her Imprisonment the Grand Jury sat
five Days, yet no Bill being preferred,
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she was ordered down to be *discharged*, at the Expiration of the Sessions—But Sir *Thomas Frankland*, ('tis imagined) dreading least he should stand accountable for the * *Masquerade Dresses*, eagerly caught the Alarm; and, after two Hours conference in the *Lord-Mayors* Chamber, came into Court, and made the following Deposition:—
 “ That he could not procure his Evidence
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* When Sir *Thomas* was importuned on the Trial of Mrs. *Rudd*, to declare whether he had not some Woman's Apparel in his Possession; and whether he did not believe them to be Mrs. *Rudd's* — The Baronet after some Hesitation, remarked, “ the Womens Apparel might belong to the *Perreaus*, for *Masquerade Dresses*.” We should feel ourselves extremely hurt to give an improper Opinion of the deep Learning, Elegance of Style, or Propriety of Diction, so *peculiar* to the Baronet. — The World have already received an incontestable *Specimen*, in his remarkable Letter, *preserved* in the *Public Papers*, and addressed to *Robert Boswell*, Keeper of the *Lyon Records*, at *Edinburgh*.

of Indictment, while the Grand Jury sat; but believed he should be able to make up Evidence sufficient to find the Bills at the *next Sessions*." — This curious Oath delivered — Mrs. *Rudd* stood remanded. — It may seem incredible, that a R-----e in P-----t should hazard the *natural Chastity* of his Character through a public Court of Justice, in a *Cause*, dangerous to the *Reputation* even of its *common Vouchèr*; — but who can paint the excruciating Tortures that wrings the sensitive Soul on the Terrors of Reimbursement? — Perhaps of *Jewels* — the *only Security now* left for *statuteable* Contracts — the only Pledge for the dear Idol of his Heart—the Gold.—This Trio being removed (Colonel *Kendal*, Sir *Thomas* and Mr. *W*——) we will now recur to the Evidence of Mr. *Moody*—whose Fable of the *Crows* quills has been so frequently *buzzed* into the public Ear, that we shall not *deafen* our Readers by a *tiresome Repetition*.

This Mr. *Moody* was a *menial* *Servant*, "he saw Mrs. *Rudd* write very often; nay, 'twas found necessary he should swear, that, *en-famile*, "he used to lean over his *Mistresses* Chair," — "he did not see her write the Name *William Adair*," but "'twas like her *feigned Hand*." She made him her *Confidant*, related to *him*, (though it was to be kept a *profound* Secret by the *Perreaus*) that she was very intimate with Mr. *Adair*."

In short, so *compliant* are her *Adversaries* to any Argument that can *bend* to their Purpose; that, in some Places, she possesses Powers even beyond the Refinement of *exquisite Art*; and in others, (as in the last mentioned Case) they *invest* her with an Understanding, below *the Dignity of an Idiot*.

On the Whole then — let the Public decide

cide whether from such Evidence, Mrs. *Rudd* appears *that fascinating* Character represented — whether possessed of *that Artifice* to project, or *temerity* to enterprize Schemes beyond the Conception of Stock-Brokers, or, by an extraordinary superiority of Talent, could *infatuate Men*, the very Spirit of whose Profession existed by Chicane. Indeed, merely to consider the Nature of the Securities negotiated, will perfectly evince an Impossibility of Innocence in the Negotiators.

Had Mrs. *Rudd* been the *legal* Wife of Mr. *Daniel Perreau*, her Trial was impossible; from that Principle of Humanity, which supposes the *Wife* to act under the *Coercion*, and Influence of her Husband, Mrs. *Rudd* and Mr. *Perreau*, lived together, were esteemed by the World, and acknowledged by the Circle of their Acquaintance as *Man and Wife*. — Mrs. *Rudd* fondly believed

lieved him the *Protector* of herself and Infants, obeyed him with the *same* Duty, honoured him with the *same* Affection. — The World may well allow the *immaculate Fidelity* of that Character, which even the *Breath* of a *disconsolate legal* Widow has not *tainted*.

Let us suppose, then *for a Moment*, that Mrs. *Rudd* actually signed those Bonds, conscious of their Criminality; does not the same Reason, which in *Law*, would exculpate the Wife, hold in the *present* Case? Did not she act from the *same* Motive of Affection, and could not this insidious Man use the *same* persuasive Arguments of Love — Reputation — Welfare? From the delicate Texture of her Feelings, she might have been seduced by *such* an Influence; a Sublimity of Soul, added to a Refinement of Sentiment, roused the same Passion that would actuate the *legal Wife*, the *legitimate Mother* — to declare with the Voice of *Nature*, “ *I only am Guilty*”; —
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and it was not 'till the Wretch despicably availed himself of her misplaced *Affection* conspired against her *Life*, and, what was still more sacred to her, the *Reputation* of her Infants, that a Confession of his *Guilt* was *extorted*. — The Fact then divested of Speculation, is simply thus:—Mrs. *Rudd* proved by the Evidence of Mrs. *Nightengale*, that on the Commencement of her Union with Mr. *Daniel Perreau*—then a *Bankrupt*, she had 16000*l.* with Jewels, &c. &c.—To invalidate the ridiculous Report, “ that *Daniel* relieved her at this Time,” it is only necessary to remark, that their Connection commenced but on the 16*th* Day of *May*, 1770; and on the 4*th* his Certificate of Bankruptcy was signed.—Now 'tis well known, in the *Alley*, that the “ *Rescounters*,” or *Settlings*, (for which Contracts or Bargains are made) happen four Times in the Year, viz. *February*, *May*, *August*, and *November*.—This was his *true Reason* for soliciting

a Connection at this critical Period — he found himself a Bankrupt — and by her Generosity alone, could be enabled to appear in May with Eclat in the Alley—nay, at the very Time, he dares to say he relieved her, the paid Messrs. Graft and Blackburne, Merchants, in Scot's-Yard—City, 1300l. We shall not wound our Readers by a recital of Misfortunes, as severe, as unmerited — The World, however, is now convinced that they are not merely *Ideal*—the devoted Children remain a melancholy Example of their plundered Mother.

An ostensible knowledge of Mr. William Adair, was long used by these Men, as a sanction for their Intelligence ; — at Length grown desperate in their Villainies — they raised Money on his Name — the Person employed as their Confidant on this Occasion, was at this Time out of the Kingdom — perhaps — in France. Mrs. Rudd became then, the INNOCENT Instrument—

ment—Ay, but say our Adversaries, why did they fix on Mr. *William Adair*? Who suggested *this* to them? Mr. *James Adair*, knowing Mrs. *Rudd's* Family — visited her frequently—hence their *Ingenuity in forming* this valuable Acquaintance for their *Speculations*, hence all the Train of Forgeries. — Thus then candidly and impartially is the *Riddle* dissolved; Heavens forbid! we were to account to the Public for the *affirmed Innocence of the Brothers* — all have known Instances, where Pride—(even in the Hour of Death) has prevailed over, and superceded *Candor*. Lord *Audley* was a miserable Example of this Truth—but with Regard to *Daniel*—the *Traces* of whose Character may be compared to the Windings of a Labyrinth, *dark and impenetrable* — for the *Peace* of his *cotemporary* Age, for the for the *Example of successive Posterity*, for the *Boast of Human Nature*, let us sup-

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pose *no such Character* to have ever existed, whose *happiest Monument* must be his eternal Obscurity.

Such is the simple Narrative of *Fact*—from its *Design* undertaken with Confidence,—from its *Execution* submitted with *Diffidence*—to a Tribunal as ardent in avenging the *Wrongs*, as emulous in sustaining *the Rights* of injured Truth and Rectitude.

Let the Myriads of Volunteers, enlisted in the Service of the adverse Cause, receive *this* general Answer :—To reply to the *Arraignments* of Individuals, is both unnecessary and *impossible*—more virulent than the religious *Mercy* of an Inquisition—more voluminous than the Catalogue of a *German Library*—or to conclude in the happier and more beautiful Energy of *Junius*—“ They have piled up
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reluctant Quarto upon solid Folio, as if
their Labours, because they were *Gian-*
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